

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings replaces the original sheet 2 of the drawings to correct an error in the position of the gravitational center line of the pivoting movement and add a reference number for the theoretical pivot axis. Also attached is a copy of original sheet 2 marked up in red to show the changes made and labeled "Annotated Sheet".

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet

REMARKS

The present response is responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, where the Examiner has requested election of one of the species described and claimed in this application for examination purposes. In addition to the response to the election requirement below, a paragraph of the specification and certain claims have been amended to clarify some aspects of the described species, and new dependent claims 50 to 58 have been added. Additionally, a replacement for sheet 2 of the drawings is submitted herewith to correct an error in original sheet 2, along with an annotated copy of original sheet 2 indicating the correction that has been made. This correction is explained in more detail below after the response to the election requirement. Claims 1 to 58 are pending in the present application with claims 1, 36, 37, and 50 being independent claims.

In the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2006, the Examiner required election between several distinct species as listed in paragraph 1 of the detailed action. By this response, Applicant elects Group IV, Figures 13 to 16, for examination, without traverse.

The claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 35 to 41, 43, 46, 49 to 53, and 55 to 58. Of these claims, claims 1, 8, 36, 37, 50, 53, and 57 are generic to all of the species listed by the Examiner, including the elected species IV. The following claims are readable on the elected species IV as well as other species, as listed:

Claims 2, 11, 18, 22, 51, 52: All species except for species VI

Claim 3: Species II, III, IV, V, VII

Claims 9,38: All species except for species II

Claims 14,15: Species II, III, IV, V, VI, VII

Claim 21: Species III, IV, VIII

Claims 24, 46: All species except for species VIII

Claims 26, 43: Species I, III, IV, VI

Claim 27: Species I, III, IV

Claims 35, 49: Species I, IV

Claim 39: Species I, III, IV, V, VII, VIII

Claims 40, 41 : Species III, IV, V, VI, VII

Claims 55 and 56: Species III and IV

Claim 58: All species except for species II and VI

The remaining claims are directed to non-elected species. Claims 4, 25, and 48 are directed to species VIII. Claims 5, 19 and 45 are directed to species I. Claims 6, 7, 23, and 31 are directed to species VI only. Claims 10, 12, 13 and 32 are directed to species II. Claims 16 and 54 are directed to species II, V, and VII. Claim 17 is directed to species I, II, V, VI, VII, and VIII. Claim 20 is directed to species I, II, V, VII, and VIII. Claims 28 and 33 are directed to species VII and VIII. Claim 30 is directed to species III. Claim 34 is directed to species V.

Applicant will be entitled to consideration of non-elected claims 4 to 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, 28 to 34, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, and 54 if a generic claim from which they depend is found allowable. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims if a generic claim is not found allowable.

An early examination on the merits of elected claims 1 to 3, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 35 to 41, 43, 46, 49 to 53, and 55 to 58 is respectfully requested.

In the foregoing amendment to the specification, paragraph 70 is replaced with a new paragraph in which the description of the theoretical gravitational center line 74 of the pivotal movement produced by the four bar pivot linkage of Figures 1 to 4 is clarified. Any multiple pivot linkage will have a theoretical pivot point which is the effective pivot point of the combined movement of the pivot linkage. In original sheet 2 of the drawings, the position of the theoretical gravitational center line 74 is incorrect for the illustrated four bar pivot linkage and does not extend through the theoretical center or pivot point of the pivot linkage.

The location of the gravitational center line in the embodiment of Figures 1 to 4 is determined by the location of the theoretical pivot point for the four bar pivot linkage. This line is the vertical line through the theoretical pivot point. The theoretical pivot point is the point at which the center lines of the pivotal movements of each pivot link 60, 62 intersect, i.e. the center line drawn from the fixed pivot 64 or 66 and centered between the start and finish point of the respective pivot link. The point indicated beneath the user support frame 46 in original Figures 3 and 4 does not correspond to this intersection, as can clearly be seen by comparison of the start and end positions of links 60 and 62 in Figures 3 and 4. The correct theoretical pivot point 79 is indicated on Figures 3 and 4 in the enclosed replacement sheet, and the correction in pivot point and gravitational center line position is marked in red on the enclosed annotated copy of original sheet 2. Since this

correction is based on the movement of the pivot links as shown in the original drawings and can readily be calculated, it is submitted that this correction does not add any new matter to the application, and it is therefore respectfully requested that original sheet 2 be replaced with the enclosed replacement sheet.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above Amendments and Remarks or believes that a telephone conversation may be useful in advancing prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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